

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 23, 2005

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 39**

**Introduced by Senator Murray**

**(Coauthors: Senators Alquist, Chesbro, and Kuehl)**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dymally, Koretz, Maze, Oropeza, and Pavley)*

December 21, 2004

An act to amend Section 3206 of the Elections Code, relating to absentee voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 39, as amended, Murray. Absentee voting.

Existing law requires that a voter's name be deleted from the permanent absent voter list if he or she fails to return an absentee ballot for any statewide general election.

This bill would instead require that a voter's name be deleted only if he or she fails to return an absentee ballot for 2 consecutive statewide general elections.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3206 of the Elections Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 3206. A voter whose name appears on the permanent absent  
4 voter list shall remain on the list and shall be mailed an absentee  
5 ballot for each election conducted within his or her precinct ~~for~~ in  
6 which he or she is eligible to vote. If the voter fails to return an  
7 executed absent voter ballot in two consecutive statewide general

- 1 elections in accordance with Section 3017 the voter's name shall
- 2 be deleted from the list.

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